Demands of the Employees of ITDC Hotels

1486. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of ITDC Hotels have demanded tripartite settlement before start of privatisation of ITDC Hotels;

(b) if so, Government's reaction on the demands of ITDC employees; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In all the cases of disinvestment, depending on the nature of the transaction, the Government is following a uniform policy of entering into Shareholders Agreement and/or Share Purchase Agreement with the strategic partner or purchaser of the respective company only. Tripartite agreement has not been found feasible because of multiplicity of unions and many other structural problems. The decision of the Government not to have tripartite agreement has also been endorsed by the Supreme Court in the BALCO Case. Protection of interest of the employees is ensured through provisions in the agreements with the strategic partners/ purchasers.

Disinvestment of Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort

1487. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to handover the Kovalam Ashok Beach Resort to private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps, if any, initiated in the matter, so far;

(c) whether the privatisation of the Resort does bother the national security measures as certain pivotal institutions such as